

United States Patent and Trademark Office

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMI United States Patent and Trademurk Office Address COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS PO. Box 1450 Alexandria, Vinginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

FIRST NAMED APPLICANT ATTY. DOCKET NO. U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO. 21141YP 10/520,566 Douglas J. MacNeil INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

210 MERCK AND CO., INC P O BOX 2000 RAHWAY, NJ 07065-0907

PCT/US03/22077 I.A. FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE

07/18/2002 07/14/2003

CONFIRMATION NO. 5273 371 ACCEPTANCE LETTER *OC00000016829210*

OC00000016829210

Date Mailed: 09/13/2005

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

01/07/2005

01/18/2005

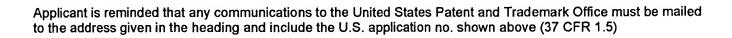
DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS

DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE. The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Copy of the International Application filed on 01/07/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 01/07/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 01/07/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 01/07/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 01/07/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 01/07/2005
- Specification filed on 01/07/2005
- Claims filed on 01/07/2005
- Drawings filed on 01/07/2005



FRANCINE YOUNG

Telephone: (703) 308-9140 EXT 215

PART 3 - OFFICE COPY

FORM PCT/DO/EO/903 (371 Acceptance Notice)